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HIGH OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

INFO: EAP (M) P (M) BA (M) UN (M) LAM (M)  
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OVERWEIGHING CHINESE SECURITY PRESENCE

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIJING  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2064  
INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
AMCONSUL SHANGHAI  
AMCONSUL SHENYANG  
AMCONSUL GUANGZHOU  
AMCONSUL CHENGDU

SECSTATE WASHDC 034613

S/S FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PEARSON, BA FOR A/S  
SCHIFTER

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PMAU, SOCI, PCOU, CR  
SUBJECT: PASTOR SAYS SECSTATE VISIT TO CHURCH MAY  
GIVE CHRISTIANS LEVERAGE WITH PRC GOVERNMENT

1. [REDACTED]  
2. SUMMARY: PASTOR KAN OF THE BEIJING CHRISTIAN  
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THAT HE SAW THE VISIT AS HELPFUL IN HIS EFFORTS TO  
CARRY ON WITH HIS WORK IN CHINA, NOTING THAT SUCH A  
HIGH LEVEL VISIT SHOWS EVERYONE IN THE GOVERNMENT  
THAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS FRIENDS IN HIGH  
PLACES. END SUMMARY.

VISIT HELPFUL TO HIS WORK

3. ON NOV. 19, POLOFF DELIVERED THE GIFT AND THANK  
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THAT IF THE PRC WISHED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE  
U.S., IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE  
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OPERATE WOULD BE NOTICED AND  
APPRECIATED IN WASHINGTON.

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KEEP THE VISITORS COMING

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